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**Governors State University Faculty Senate
October 17, 2019, 1:00 PM, Hall of Honors
Minutes**

Senators in Attendance:

X	P. Mohanty (AL/COB)	X	K. Morris (CAS)*	X	S. Cervantes (COE)
X	A Vujaklija (AL/COE)*	X	T. Gsell (CAS)		M. Cummings (COE)
X	D. Golland (AL/CAS)*	X	C. White (CAS)	X	C. Tymkow (CHHS)*
X	K. Boland-Prom* (AL/CHHS)	X	C. Vanderpool (COB)*	X	M. Zell (CHHS)*
X	S. Wagner (AL/COB)	X	A. Keane (COB)*	X	G. Grumbach (CHHS)
X	J. Goode (CAS)*	X	W. Kresse (COB)*	X	S. Spencer (CHHS)*
X	C. Tweddle (CAS)	X	J. Klomes (COE)	X	L. Geller (UL)*
	D. Cortese (CAS)	X	S. Patrick (COE)	X	S. Comer (Unit B/CHHS)
X	P. Guimond (CAS)	X	A. Cipra (COE)		

* 2018-19 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Standing Committee Chairs

Others Present: R. Muhammad, K. Russell, S. Estep, R. Johnsen, E. Cada, D. Rhea, M. Cooney, A. Thompson

- I. Call to Order. Golland called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda (Golland). Motion to approve agenda made and seconded. Motion carries.
- III. External Reports
 - A. University Administration (Cada/Vujaklija/Cooney)
 - Reminder about Campus Symposium (Cada).
 - Report on Illinois Equity and Attainment Project (Vujaklija/Cooney).
 - Congratulations to Provost's Office for negotiating contract (Boland-Prom).
 - B. University Professionals of Illinois (Estep/Wagner/Comer)
 - Report on new contract reached by UPI and the GSU administration on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.
 - UPI is making presentations at noon and 3 p.m. today.
 - A draft of the new contract terms will be sent out shortly.

- UPI is hopeful that ratification will be completed by faculty before next BOT meeting on 11/15/2019.
- C. Student Senate (Russell)
 - Report on last Student Senate meeting:
 - FAFSA/MAP Grant priority deadline in December.
 - Collaboration with Center for Junior Year.
 - Programming ideas to meet local politicians.
 - Continue to register people to vote.
 - Common hour grant for clubs.
 - Homecoming events were overviewed
 - Report on new business for Student Senate:
 - University policies will be reviewed.
 - A few senate positions remain open, though there are now 13 senators (up from 3).
 - Russell will be meeting today with Dean of Students on student complaints about café hours.
 - Student senators will be attending Homecoming events to meet students.
 - Discussion regarding whether the Auxiliary Services Advisory Committee will be meeting.
 - Thanks to Vice President of the Student Senate for student involvement in union negotiations (Estep).
- IV. Presentation: Center for the Junior Year and Honors Program (Rhea)
 - Report on the Honors Program and the Center for the Junior Year.
 - Provided materials regarding each program to the Faculty Senate in the packet.
 - Faculty engagement, which leads to these programs thriving, greatly encouraged.
 - Discussion held on Honors Program and Center for Junior Year.
- V. Congratulations to Dr. Wagner for his role in negotiating the UPI contract (Golland).
- VI. Executive Session (Golland). No objection to not moving to closed session. No closed session held.
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Approval of Previous Minutes (Golland). Motion to amend by substituting “(Cummings)” for “(Golland)” on page 4. Seconded. Motion carries. Motion to approve previous minutes as amended. Seconded. Motion carries.
 - B. Discussion of Wellness Task Force Report (Goode/Mohanty)
 - Discussion of Wellness Task Force’s main recommendation to add a standing committee on wellness and faculty issues to Faculty Senate bylaws.
 - Faculty Senate created Task Force on Rules and Bylaws to research and amend bylaws this academic year (Golland), which will provide opportunity to consider creating a faculty wellness standing committee.

- Motion to commit this matter to the Task Force on Rules and Bylaws to consider creating this as a standing committee. Seconded. Motion carries.

VIII. Internal Reports

A. Committees

1. Executive (Golland)
 - Report included in packet.
 - Attended service to former Board of Trustees Chair Jack Beaupre.
 - Appointment to IPC Vacancy (Golland). Executive Committee moved and seconded appointment of Dr. James Vining to fill to Vujaklija vacancy on the Institutional Policies Committee (caused by her appointment as co-chair of APRC). No objection. Motion carries.
2. Curriculum (Tymkow)
 - Report included in packet.
 - Reminder of Curriculog workshops on October 24 and October 31.
 - Recommendation that faculty who have attended prior trainings attend these as well because of updates available on Curriculog.
 - Additional date for training requested because the College of Business is meeting on October 31.
 - Guidance on designating hybrid courses will be covered in presentation.
 - Syllabi for on-ground courses has been revised.
 - There are approximately 50 syllabi left for approval by UCC.
3. Policies (Boland-Prom)
 - Report included in packet.
 - Land Use Policy (Policy 40) will be available soon.
 - Change to Student Conduct Policy (Policy 4) regarding cannabis will be necessary before January 1.
4. Program Review (Kresse/Vujaklija)
 - Report include in packet.
 - Dr. Colleen Sexton spoke to the committee at the last meeting to discuss tasks.
 - Only one program to review this year.
 - Chairs will attend Higher Learning Commission accreditation summit.
 - Committee is currently looking at general education requirements.
5. General Education (Zell/Tweddle)
 - Report included in packet.
 - GSU publicly proclaims that freshman take a math class in their first semester through the Smart Start program, but less than 50% of freshman took math this semester because there were not enough seats available in daytime courses. Seats will be reserved in math classes going forward to ensure freshman can enroll.
 - Advisor in residence is now in at Prairie Place since September.

- Two senators are to be appointed to the Retention to Graduation Committee. This was decided on the basis of mutual understanding rather than a resolution.
- For either the Center for Junior Year or the Honors Program, a designee must be appointed to the General Education Council.
- Discussion on the Starfish survey for first year students. Data is still under review.

B. Optional

1. Illinois Board of Higher Education (Golland)
 - In the report in current Dropbox folder, Cummings requests that faculty senators answer a question that is highlighted in yellow. Senators should e-mail their answer to Cummings directly.
2. Graduate Studies Council (Gsell/Morris)
 - Policy 16 discussed and revisions are being considered.
 - The Council also discussed changes to change of program forms.
3. Institutional Review Board (Grumbach)
 - The Office of Sponsored Programs and Research and former chair, Dr. R. Theiss, have offered helpful assistance to the chair.
 - Currently working on standard operating procedures.
 - Chair attended boot camp for IRB chairs.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of members to Task Force on Rules and Bylaws.

- Golland, Kresse, Tymkow, Keane, Zell, Boland-Prom, and Vujaklija are on task force because of their positions in Faculty Senate.
- Colleges named own members. Slate named:
 - CAS – Tweddle;
 - COB – Vanderpool;
 - CHHS – Comer;
 - COE – none;
 - Executive Committee – none.
- Motion to approve slate. Seconded. Motion carries.
- Motion made to declare task force large enough without COE and EC members. Second. Motion and second withdrawn.
- Motion made to keep remaining seats on COE and EC vacant. Seconded. Motion carries.

X. Adjournment. Golland adjourned meeting at 2:35 p.m.